

#150 WRITE ABOUT CHARACTERS EXPERIENCE WITH FIREWORK

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Person 1: Hey, can I ask you something? It might sound silly.

Person 2: Let's see if I can make it interesting. *smiling*

Person 1: Yeah, sure. Shoot. Do you have any experience with fireworks?

Person 2: Actually, yeah, I do. It's kind of my thing.

Person 1: Really? How so?

Person 2: Well, it's a bit unexpected, but I've got some stories that might entertain you.

Person 1: I'm all ears. Lay it on me.

Person 2: Alright, let's rewind to my school days. We had this family friend who was in the fireworks business, located on the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border. People from Karnataka would flock to Tamil Nadu to buy cheaper fireworks, so my dad and some friends decided to invest in it too.

Person 1: Ah, that's interesting. So, did you get free crackers then?

Person 2: You bet we did. My dad would spend nights at the shop during Diwali season, managing everything. Our friend had a few shops, so they split them among investors and their family.

Person 1: Sounds like a family business.

Person 2: *Laughing* Yeah, exactly. Anyway, during Diwali, I was obsessed with crackers. From firecrackers to big ones, I loved them all. My friend Vithya and I would spend the entire festival bursting crackers. Even my cousins would join in, along with the neighbor's son who wasn't into small crackers, so he'd give them all to us.

Person 1: But how did you manage to light them safely?

Person 2: *Laughs* Vithya and I had a system. We'd sit by the entrance rope the gate, tie the bigger crackers to it, light them, and then push the gate open. The crackers would shoot off, and we'd reel them back in with a rope. We even tried making our own fireworks once, but it was a disaster.

Person 1: You guys were quite the innovators.

Person 2: Thanks! Oh, and during Diwali, my dad would make me sit under a tree and hand me a long stick with an incense stick attached. I'd use it to light crackers from a safe distance.

Person 1: Sounds like quite the experience.

Person 2: Yeah, it was. But as I got older and started out at the shop, my interest in fireworks waned a bit. I thought my brother would take over, but he never really got into it like I did.

Person 1: Kids these days, huh?

Person 2: *Smiling* Yeah, but my passion for fireworks never faded. Even now, I have a lot of experience with them. If you want, I can go into more detail.

Person 1: I'd love to hear more, but before that, do you have any favorite types of crackers?

Person 2: Definitely. I used to love the big fantasy busters, but lately, I've been fascinated by Chinese lanterns. They're also known as balloon lamps or parachute crackers. I haven't had many chances to try them out, though.

Person 1: They sound cool. By the way, what do you think about the environmental impact of fireworks?

Person 2: It's a double-edged sword. They're fun and all, but if not handled properly, they can cause a lot of noise and air pollution. It's all about balance, you know?

Person 1: Absolutely. Everything in moderation.

Person 2: Exactly. It's all fun and games until things get out of hand.